GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LEAKAGE OF OIL AND GAS FROM PIPELINES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases reported by public sector oil companies about leakage of oil or gas from the pipelines during the year 2001,2002 and till date;

(b) the total loss of amount and life in each of such incident;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to modernise the pipeline network and to make secure; and

(d) the steps taken / being taken by the Union Government to prevent such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLUEM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): Transportation of oil and gas through the pipelines is being carried out by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL), Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) and to some extent by other oil companies whose operations are spread out through the country. These companies have been taking various steps to prevent occurrence of leakage of oil and gas.

With a view to ensure safety and security in operations, oil companies have taken a number of measures, which, interalia, include carrying out a campaign to educate the local people about dangers involved in attempting pilferage / theft, intensification of inspection of oil wells and installations and constant review and monitoring of this situation.

Government of India had constituted a Committee in November, 2001 headed by Maj. General (Retd.) S. C. N. Jatar, former Chairman & Managing Director of ONGC Videsh Limited and Oil India Limited to look into the aspects of security and safety of installations of oil industries in the upstream sector. The final reports of the Committee were received in June, 2002.The reports have been accepted by the Government `in-principle`. The Government have given necessary directions to Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), Oil India Limited (OIL), Director General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) and Oil Industries Safety Directorate (OISD) to ta necessary measures in light of the recommendations of the Committee.

As regard details of cases of oil companies about leakage of oil and gas from pipelines during year 2001, 2002 and till date, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.